### I-CAN! EIC

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## No one wants to hear another presentation!

- Green Card= I like what I am hearing/seeing
- Red Card= I don't like what I am hearing/seeing
- Yellow Card= not so sure how I feel

# How do these pictures make you feel?

# The person making you play this lame game...



#### My Baby Boy



### Parkdale Manor Senior Gilizens Gomplex

### TERMINATION NOTICE TO TENANT

TO: Mr. William Short

Please be advised that the Board of Directors of Park-fide Marce Server Cruzers Complex has not to discuss the enveropersors of your actions on October 13, 2003 in desabling both sets of five both on the apper and kneer floors of the Mann. It would appear to the Board that this might assesstate an offence under the Criminal Code under Section 430 - Mochaef In any round, the Dound cannot solerang any activity such ma dividing of the fire places which could affect the safety of other tener







## Why Did You Get Involved In Legal Services?

- It was first job out of graduate school.
- But why did I stay- because the work we do makes me feel like I can make a difference in people's lives.

### One More Way to Make a Difference!

• If you could hand your clients \$4,400 how would that make you feel?

#### What is I-CAN! EIC?

- I-CAN!<sup>™</sup> EIC is a web-based application that helps low-wage earners claim the Federal Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) and complete their federal and some state tax forms. It was designed by the Legal Aid Society of Orange County specifically to help the working poor claim the EITC and keep it.
- I-CAN!™ EIC is written at a fifth grade literacy level, in English and Spanish. A video guide reads questions to users. It is available to anyone with access to the Internet. 98% of all users rate it as easy or very easy to use.

#### What Can I-CAN! EIC do?

- I-CAN! EIC return over \$4.3 million to our client community last year.
- So far this year (in one week), over \$380,000 has been returned to our client community through I-CAN! EIC!

#### We Can Do So Much More!

- 25%-30% of those people eligible for the Earned Income Tax Credit don't claim it!
- Taxpayers can get back up to \$4400 this year above and beyond their usual return.
- Using I-CAN! EIC they get their full return without paying for the prep or a RAL!

#### What Can You Do?

- Is your program located in CA, MI, MT, or NY? If so, I-CAN! EIC is available for you now!
- Is your program located in Alaska, Florida, Nevada, New Hampshire, South Dakota, Texas, Tennessee, Washington, or Wyoming? I-CAN! EIC is ready for your use now!

#### What Can Your Program Do?

- Let your clients know that I-CAN! EIC is available to them!
  - Hand out flyers to clients that come to your office!
  - Put up posters in your lobby!
  - Send out mailers to your client database!

#### Working Together

- This year, commit to something.
  - Download ready-made flyers for distribution.
  - Educate your clients on the availability of the Earned Income Tax Credit.
  - Direct clients to the website for more information. (www.icanefile.org)
  - Contact a program already working on this in your state!

#### How to Get Started

- Call me- we'll chat...
- Talk to Montana
- Talk to Central CA Legal Services
- Check out our website! (www.eicparnter.com)
- Sign a MOU!

#### Time to Confront the Issue

- Why isn't your program using I-CAN! EIC?
- If you didn't know about it, now you do!
- Lets make a change to help our clients!

#### Questions, Comments, etc.

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